

CLAIMS

1. Method of using playable electronic media messages for notification of events in
5 a portable communication device (10) comprising the steps of:
receiving at least one playable electronic media message from a network, (step
38),
setting the message as a notification of events related to the portable
communication device, (step 40),
10 storing the message,
detecting the occurrence of an event for which the electronic media message
has been set as a notification, (step 42), (step 42),
retrieving the stored message, and
playing the multimedia message in dependence of the detection, (step 44).
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2. Method according to any previous claim, wherein the event is an event in the
group of types including receiving a phone call, receiving an electronic message
or notification of an appointment according to a calendar setting.
- 20 3. Method according to any previous claim, wherein the message includes a media
file in the form of a sound file arranged to be synchronised with at least one
other media file of another type.
- 25 4. Method according to claim 3, wherein the message includes a media file in the
form of an image file arranged to be synchronised with at least one other media
file of another type.
5. Method according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the message includes a media file in
the form of a text file arranged to be synchronised with at least one other
30 media file of another type.
6. Method according to any previous claim, wherein the step of setting comprises
setting the message as a notification for all events of a certain type.
- 35 7. Method according to any of claims 1 – 5, wherein the step of setting comprises
setting the message as a notification for just some events of a certain type.
8. Portable communication device (10) for using playable electronic media
messages for notification of events and comprising:

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an event handling unit (24; 28; 32),

a message storage,

a notification setting storage (36),

a radio circuit (22) arranged to , and

5 a playable electronic media message handling unit (24), wherein

the playable electronic media message handling unit is arranged to receive at least one playable electronic media message from a network, set the message as a notification of events handled by the event handling unit and store the message in the message storage, and

10 the event handling unit (24; 28; 32) is arranged to detect the occurrence of an event for which the electronic media message has been set as a notification, retrieve the stored message from the message storage and order the playable electronic media message handling unit to play the electronic media message in dependence of the detection.

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9. Portable communication device according to claim 8, wherein the event handling unit is any in the group of call handling unit (28), calendar (37) or message handling unit (24).

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10. Portable communication device according to claims 8 or 9, wherein the message includes a media file in the form of a sound file arranged to be synchronised with at least one other media file of another type.

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11. Portable communication device according to any of claims 8 - 10, wherein the message includes a media file in the form of an image file arranged to be synchronised with at least one other media file of another type.

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12. Portable communication device according to any of claims 8 - 11, wherein the message includes a media file in the form of a text file arranged to be synchronised with at least one other media file of another type.

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13. Portable communication device according to any of claims 8 - 12, wherein the playable electronic media message handling unit is arranged to set the message as a notification for all events of a certain type.

14. Portable communication device according to any of claims 8 - 12, wherein the playable electronic media message handling unit (24) is arranged to set the message as a notification for just some events of a certain type.

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15. Portable communication device according to any of claims 8 - 14, wherein it is a cellular phone.

16. A program product (46) comprising a computer readable medium, having thereon:

computer program code means, to make a portable communication device (10) execute, when said program is loaded in the portable communication device, receive at least one playable electronic media message from a network, set the message as a notification of events related to the portable communication device, store the message, detect the occurrence of an event for which the electronic media message has been set as a notification, retrieve the stored message, and play the electronic media message in dependence of the detection.

17. A computer program element comprising:

computer program code means to make a portable communication device (10) execute, when said program element is loaded in the portable communication device, receive at least one playable electronic media message from a network, set the message as a notification of events related to the portable communication device, store the message, detect the occurrence of an event for which the electronic media message has been set as a notification, retrieve the stored message, and play the electronic media message in dependence of the detection.

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